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THE MORNING ASTORIAN

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Call and have us explain to you how to procure Fairbanks Five Plate Fairy calendars free. They are works of art and free from advertising. Call and see display at our store. Johnson Bros.

County Judge Trenchard stated yesterday that plans and specifications for the new Lewis and Clark bridge had been prepared and would be forwarded today to the secretary of war for his scrutiny. The proposed bridge will entail an outlay of between \$15,000 and \$18,000.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try

Jell-O,

a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! no baking! add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocers to-day, to cts.

The schooner Joseph Rugg arrived yesterday from San Diego to load lumber.

Don't forget The Astorian job department when in need of any kind of printing.

The steamship Elm Branch, a large carrier, is due today from San Francisco to load lumber for the Orient.

Try a pound of our perfection blend Mocha and Java coffee, and if it does not please you, your money will be refunded by us. Johnson Bros.

Having recently purchased additional material, The Astorian is better prepared than ever to turn out briefs, books or pamphlets on short notice.

The regular meeting of the Push club will be held this evening. Several matters of importance are to come up for discussion and a full attendance of members is requested.

Miss Margaret Busby has removed her stock of sheet music to No. 424 Commercial street, the office of A. R. Cyrus, where a large assortment of the latest music will be on sale at Portland prices.

County School Superintendent Lyman has announced that examinations for state and county certificates will be held commencing Wednesday, February 11, and ending on Saturday. Notice of the examinations will appear later.

Special services will be held at the Norwegian-Danish Methodist church, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week. Preaching by the pastor. Good music and singing. All Scandinavians are welcome to participate.

Mrs. Irving M. Jeffers died in Portland Monday of heart failure, after a lingering illness. The funeral will be held at Portland. Deceased is survived by Mr. Jeffers and two children—a boy, aged 7, and a girl, aged 5. Mrs. Jeffers was 30 years of age.

The new Taylor school will be opened on February 6 if the plans of the school board can be carried out. Yesterday the necessary pipe for the water main that has been provided for the west end reached the city, and the work of laying it will be commenced at once.

Everything in our store goes at sale prices—except what has already gone. Hundreds have taken advantage of our great cut clearance sale, but we have lots of shoes left, good shoes, nothing better in town. Now is your chance. Only one week more. Prices will not be so low for another year.—Peterson & Brown.

W. J. Scully, the hardware store and tinshop man, has moved from his old location on Bond street to No. 470-472 Commercial street, opposite the Beehive, where he has a well appointed storeroom and shop, a fine stock of stoves, ranges, bath tubs, plumbers' goods, hardware, tinware, etc., and the best of facilities for plumbing and steam fitting.

The Commercial club bowling committee has selected a captain for the championship team; arrangements will at once be made for a trip to Salem, Albany Portland and The Dalles. It is likely the trip will take place next week. The Commercial team will be stronger this year than ever before, and ought to make a creditable showing on the outside alleys.

Marcus Suman, the cattle king, has an educated goat that he regards with as much jealous care as the apple of his eye. Recently Mr. Suman made a trip abroad, going as far as Portland, where he saw the sheep hitched to a cart. Negotiations followed and the animal became his property. It is reported that the consideration was \$1000. "I will hitch my goat to a cart and run opposition to Prael & Cook," said the well known financier. In an interview.

The price of spruce boxes has gone up in consequence of the increase in the price of logs. At present local box manufacturers are turning out boxes for the local trade, as it will be some weeks yet before the California demand materializes. Still further advances in the price of logs are looked for, as spruce is very scarce on the Columbia river at this time. The mill men are paying \$9 a thousand now, and at that high figure there seems to be keen competition for logs. The price of lumber and boxes has not shown a corresponding increase, but probably will before another month.

Chinese New Year commenced last night and Chinatown presented a bright appearance. All the denizens of that quarter were attired in their new and most fashionable garbs, but there was not much doing in the fireworks line. The din will be commenced tonight.

The statement that the four children of John Blasch died of scarlet fever was erroneous. One of the children died years ago in Austria, and later a second child died in Astoria. About a month ago a third child passed away, but not from the ravages of scarlet. The last child to die was the only one afflicted with fever.

After having been in quarantine for just a month, the British ship County of Louth was released yesterday by Dr. Baylis H. Earle. Everyone aboard is in good health, and there is no danger whatever now that the vessel will spread smallpox, to which her crew had been subjected. The ship is under charter to load grain and will leave up the river at once.

An accident that came nearly proving fatal occurred yesterday morning at the Westport sawmill. The victim was an employee named Walker, who was crushed by the carriage on which logs are placed. One of the logs was badly crushed and Walker suffered other injuries. He was sent to Portland for treatment in the care of a physician from Clatskanie. Walker will lose the leg. He has a wife and child.

James B. Mullay, former editor of The Astorian, is in the city on a short business trip. He will leave this morning for Ilwaco and Chinook. Mr. Mullay spends much of his time in the outside towns of the state. He says that Eugene is rapidly forging ahead, and that it is the best of the valley towns. Pendleton is likewise a hustling community. Generally, Mr. Mullay says, the towns of the state are showing considerable business activity.

Only about three-fourths of the pupils are attending the city schools, and the attendance in the lower grades is very light. The order requiring school children to present certificates of health is a precaution that was generally approved yesterday. Many parents will not permit their children to go to school as yet, and it is probable the attendance will be light for a week or two to come.

It is reported that arrangements have been completed for the extension of the Astoria and Columbia River railroad into Tillamook county. The work of extension will, it is said, be commenced shortly. Rumors to this effect have been current periodically for several months past, but the Astorian is assured that this report is correct. The local line will, if the report proves true, be run into Tillamook city, and also to the heavily timbered regions in southern Clatsop and Tillamook counties.

This morning at 9 o'clock the reserved seat sale opens at Griffin's book store for the performance of Verdi's immortal opera, "Il Trovatore," at Fishers' opera house tomorrow evening. The indications point to the most successful engagement ever played in this city, and those attending will no doubt enjoy an evening of great pleasure. It is safe to say Astorians have never seen any more perfect representation of "Il Trovatore" than will be given by the Gordon-Shay company. The opera will be as near perfect in every detail as possible to make it.

"Paddy Lynch is a hard man to kill," said a waterfront last evening, in discussing the latest shooting affray. "He has been shot at times innumerable, clubbed almost to death and shanghaied on half the ships that sail the sea, yet he is still alive and hearty." Lynch has indeed been remarkably fortunate in escaping death, and it is singular that the men who have attempted his life are the very persons who have received favors at his hands. Lynch's income is about \$5000 a year, and his only object in life seems to be to make others happy.

Multnomah county officials won a decided victory yesterday in their fight for custody of Johann Seitz and Francis Shaffer, two sailors who had left the German training ship Cecilia at Portland. The men were arrested by United States marshals for desertion, and the county authorities were anxious to secure custody of the men on a criminal charge. There seems to have been some feeling between the officials over the matter. The men were brought down Monday night by Marshals Roberts and Metz and were placed aboard the vessel. Deputy Sheriff F. D. Matthews came down on the same train and on Monday night had Judge Goodman prepare the necessary papers to get the men off the ship. Yesterday Deputy Matthews and Sheriff Linville boarded the Cecilia and arrested the men, and likewise subpoenaed the second officer of the ship as a witness. The sailors got on a spree in Portland and secured \$100 under false pretenses. The master of the vessel did not take kindly to the mission of the officers, but Sheriff Linville soon convinced him that the law was to be enforced. After the sailors were brought ashore word was received from Portland that the claim of the proprietor of the cafe from whom the men had obtained money had been settled, and they were returned to the ship.

The lower Kalama fish hatchery finished its season's work this week. This hatchery is on the Kalama river, about three and one-half miles from Kalama and two miles from the Columbia river. The hatchery is in charge of Superintendent Frank G. Young, who has made a study of the subject for 20 years. Twelve million salmon fry were hatched at that place this season. These figures were obtained by counting the number of eggs in a given measure, taking a close count of the quantity of eggs taken during the spawning season, and then deducting the loss which results from unfertilized eggs and death after hatching. The loss is estimated this season at 8 to 10 percent, and was ascertained by keeping a daily record of actual losses. The upper hatchery will not close for about 70 days.

A number of lads who should know better than to engage in such pastime collected at the corner of Commercial and Eleventh streets yesterday afternoon and pelted passersby with snowballs. Snow had fallen during the day but accompanying rain had turned it into slush, and the snowballs thrown by the boys were almost as hard as stones. There were 15 or 20 boys in the crowd, and snowballs thrown by them injured several persons. One victim of their attack is laid up with a badly swollen head, and another man who was struck in the head was almost rendered unconscious. It was frequently remarked that most of the boys who had temporarily turned hoodlums were of prominent families, and surprise was expressed that their parents should have tolerated their presence on the streets. It is to be hoped that the police will see to it that no further lawless displays of the kind are permitted.

PADDY LYNCH SHOT.

Otto Skibbe Uses Gun on Boarding-house Runner.

"Paddy" Lynch, the well known sailor or boarding-house runner, was shot last night by Otto Skibbe, a local celebrity. The bullet took effect in the fleshy portion of the thigh and did little damage. Lynch displayed his usual nerve and walked unassisted to the office of Dr. H. L. Henderson, where the ball was extracted. Skibbe surrendered to Officer Thompson and was locked up in the city jail, where he will remain until the time is set for his preliminary hearing on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Skibbe was formerly an Astoria boot-black, and won some distinction for himself by high-diving and swimming performances at the annual regattas. He left Astoria several months ago, but adversity overtook him, and when he returned to the city he was almost penniless. Lynch is one of the most charitable fellows imaginable, and he readily took Skibbe in at the boarding house and gave him a good home. There the young man received as much consideration as any of the runners and wanted for nothing that Lynch did not provide.

Last evening about 7:30 Skibbe started up Bond street with a man, and when between Ninth and Tenth saw Lynch walking ahead. Without saying anything that would give him his companion an idea of what he was about to do, Skibbe drew his gun and fired at Lynch, who was only a few steps away. After firing the youth turned and ran to Astor street, where Officer Thompson arrested him.

Stories differ as to the cause of the trouble, but the principals in last night's shooting had frequently been involved in trouble. Last evening they were quarreling on Astor street when Officer Thompson happened by and told them to desist. Only a few days ago they had become involved in an altercation in an Astor street saloon and Skibbe is said to have remarked that he would settle accounts with Lynch. It is said that there will be some interesting developments at the trial. Lynch is reported to have stated that he would not prosecute Skibbe. Lynch's wound is very painful, but not at all dangerous. Skibbe evidently shot to kill, and it was Lynch's good fortune rather than his assailant's intent that saved his life. The ball lodged in a bone, but Doctor Henderson succeeded in finding it, and Lynch will probably not be away from business for any great length of time.

FIRE SALE.

The damaged stock of clothing, wraps, cloaks and millinery is now being sold at remarkably reduced prices in order to make room for an entirely new stock coming. Don't fail to call and see the goods. Almost have them at your own price.

MRS. INGLETON, Welch Block.

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT EVERY CHILD PRESENTING HIMSELF AT THE CITY SCHOOLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A CERTIFICATE FROM A PHYSICIAN SHOWING THAT HE IS FREE FROM CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN NOT PROVIDED WITH CERTIFICATES WILL BE REFUSED ADMITTANCE. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

E. Z. FERGUSON, CLERK.

TO REFUND SCHOOL DEBT

ASTORIA MAY ADOPT PLAN USED AT SALEM.

Professor Lyman Thinks Time Is Opportune for a Local Popular Loan.

Astoria, Jan. 27.—To the Editor: The action taken at the school meeting in this city yesterday evening, as reported in this morning's Astorian, may prove to be one of the most important in the history of this community.

There is ample law providing for a popular loan, in contracting or refunding debts of school districts. The question that comes uppermost is whether the people will take an interest in floating local bonds. Although the following has been printed before, some recurrence to the experience of Salem in floating both city and school funds may be noticed again.

In reply to an inquiry Mr. J. N. Judah, recorder of Salem, furnished me with details of the effort there. City bonds were thus first floated. Under date of March 10, 1902, he states:

"I take pleasure in replying to your inquiry of the 8th inst. in relation to the 'popular loan' floated by the city of Salem in the fall of 1899, since the matter was left almost wholly in my hands to formulate and negotiate. The unquestioned success of the venture is a matter of personal pride with my colleagues and myself. * * * Primarily it was to refund a floating debt of \$33,000 in 8 percent warrants. We bonded \$55,000 of this at 4 percent on 10-year, optional bonds, thus saving \$2000 on interest account."

After giving some valuable details, Mr. Judah states:

"In our case the subscriptions ran \$180,000, or nearly three times as much as we needed."

In reply to an inquiry to Mr. Baumgartner, clerk of the Salem school district, the following was furnished under date of March 17, 02:

"I enclose copy of our notes. These are signed by the chairman and clerk, with the seal of the district attached. We opened a book for subscriptions, allowing anyone to sign for the amount wanted. In making the allotment we favored the small subscribers, viz: taking the small ones first, and so on up until the amount reached the limit; and in numbering them we numbered the largest amount No. 1, and the smallest is the last number. In paying them the largest amount is paid first, leaving the smaller ones for the last. These notes are called for numerically, beginning with No. 1. The amount required in our loan was \$30,000; our subscription was over \$50,000; so the largest subscribers were dropped, and the small ones taken first. The largest note was \$600; the smallest \$50."

Conditions in Astoria would seem as favorable as in Salem. I have been informed, since the matter has been mentioned, that sums ranging into the thousands are in the hands of individuals or societies seeking perfectly safe investments for family or trust funds. The security offered by a school district is among the very best. Those interested in making a success of this, the first popular loan to be tried in Astoria, should take pains to canvass the matter, mention it freely and unrelentingly among those desiring to place funds of widows, minors, or benevolent organizations; among the fishermen, and other forehanded workmen and mechanics; and even among the mill employees and domestics, who are laying aside small savings for future investment or a rainy day.

If the matter is thus thoroughly worked up there will probably appear so much available capital that the city debt, and county debt, perhaps, may be in part, or whole, refunded as the present bonds mature. The advantages of this community thus taking up its own obligations, retaining the interest at home as working capital, and encouraging people to save their means, are so great as to forbid even mention here. It may be noticed, however, that there is money here. Agents and solicitors from all over the Union are daily inducing our people to invest in attractive stocks in distant mining properties; in California or Texas petroleum fields, or in Mexican India rubber plantations. The history of such speculations, however much they may not the promoters, is so well known that the appearance of agents for them here is a matter of regret. The small stockholder almost invariably loses his investment. I do not allude to thoroughly reliable investments vouched for or managed by our own residents; but to the many anonymous concerns represented by sporadic drummers.

By taking up our own debts we shall be keeping our working capital at home and multiply our power for remunerative industries. H. S. LYMAN.

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Northern Pacific's new game book is now ready for distribution. Illustrations of live game a particular feature. Four full pages from Seton-Thompson's drawings made specially for this book. Send address with six cents and book will be mailed to you by Chas. S. Peo, G. P. & T. A., St. Paul, Minn.

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FLANNEL WAISTS.	SILK WAISTS.
Lot 1, all 75c and \$1 Waists... \$ 50	All \$4 and \$5 Silk Waists... \$2 50
Lot 2, all \$1.50 and \$1.98	All \$6 and \$7 Silk Waists... \$ 50
Waists..... 1 25	
Lot 3, all \$1.50 Waists..... 1 00	
Lot 4, all \$2.25 and \$2.75	
Waists..... 1 48	
Lot 5, all \$3.00 Waists..... 1 98	
MEN'S SUITS.	MEN'S OVERCOATS.
To go at a price without any regard to cost.	\$15 00 Overcoats..... \$11 50
\$ 5 00 and \$ 6 00 Suits..... \$ 3 50	\$12 00 Overcoats..... 7 50
10 00 and 12 00 Suits..... 7 50	
15 00 and 20 00 Suits..... 12 50	
FLANNELETTE SKIRTS.	
Lot 1 50c Waist..... 30c	
Lot 3, 40c Waist..... 30c	
Lot 3, 60c Waist..... 55c	
Lot 4, 75c Waist..... 63c	
Lot 3, 25c Waist..... 13c	

Morse Department Store

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

For the convenience of our customers we have installed another telephone direct to our Hardware Department. If you want the Grocery, Fruit or Liquor Department or Office, please ask for Main 91. If you want the Hardware Department please ask for Main 1801. Quicker service will be given when complying with above. Kindly mark the same on your telephone card.

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